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NOTICE TO ALL MILK HANDLERS

Recently enacted legislation has changed the rate structure for the Maine milk handling fee. Public Law 468 became effective February 12, 2010. The new rate structure is shown below. These rates will become effective for the fee period of February 28, 2010 – April 3, 2010.

FEE SCHEDULE

<u>Basic price of milk per hundredweight</u>	<u>Fee in cents per gallon</u>
\$21.00 and above	4
\$20.00 to \$20.99	8
\$19.50 to \$19.99	12
\$19.00 to \$19.49	16
\$18.50 to \$18.99	20
\$18.00 to \$18.49	24
\$17.50 to \$17.99	28
\$17.00 to \$17.49	32
\$16.50 to \$16.99	36

Below \$16.50 per hundredweight: For each 50¢ decrease in the basic price, the rate of the milk handling fee increases by 4¢ per gallon until the handling fee reaches a maximum of 84¢.

Example: If the basic price falls to \$12.50, the fee would be 68¢ per gallon.

The relevant statutory language excerpted from the bill is reproduced on the reverse side. Maine Revenue Services can answer reporting requirement questions at (207) 624-9609. Other questions should be referred to Tim Drake at the Maine Milk Commission at (207) 287-7521.

STATUTORY LANGUAGE AS ENACTED

P.L. 468

Sec. 1. 36 MRSA §4902, sub-§2-A, as enacted by PL 2007, c. 240, Pt. PPP, §3 and c. 269, §3, is amended to read:

2-A. Rate. The rate of the fee levied under this chapter is established for each fee period on the basis of the basic price of milk in effect on the Sunday following the first Sunday of the fee period in accordance with this subsection:

A. If the basic price is ~~\$24.00~~\$21.00 per hundredweight and above, the rate of the milk handling fee is ~~0¢~~4¢ per gallon;

B. ~~If the basic price is \$23.00 to \$23.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk handling fee is 2¢ per gallon;~~

C. ~~If the basic price is \$22.00 to \$22.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk handling fee is 4¢ per gallon;~~

D. ~~If the basic price is \$21.00 to \$21.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk handling fee is 6¢ per gallon;~~

E. If the basic price is \$20.00 to \$20.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk handling fee is 8¢ per gallon;

F. If the basic price is ~~\$19.00~~\$19.50 to \$19.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk handling fee is ~~10¢~~12¢ per gallon;

G. ~~If the basic price is \$18.00 to \$18.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk handling fee is 12¢ per gallon;~~

H. If the basic price is ~~\$17.50~~\$19.00 to ~~\$17.99~~\$19.49 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk handling fee is 16¢ per gallon;

I. If the basic price is ~~\$17.00~~\$18.50 to ~~\$17.49~~\$18.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk handling fee is 20¢ per gallon;

J. If the basic price is ~~\$16.50~~\$18.00 to ~~\$16.99~~\$18.49 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk handling fee is 24¢ per gallon;

K. If the basic price is ~~\$16.00~~\$17.50 to ~~\$16.49~~\$17.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk handling fee is 28¢ per gallon;

L. If the basic price is ~~\$15.50~~\$17.00 to ~~\$15.99~~\$17.49 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk handling fee is 32¢ per gallon; and

M. If the basic price is ~~\$15.00~~\$16.50 to ~~\$15.49~~\$16.99 per hundredweight, the rate of the milk handling fee is 36¢ per gallon.

If the basic price falls below ~~\$15.00~~\$16.50 per hundredweight, for each 50¢ decrease in the basic price, the rate of the milk handling fee increases by ~~6¢~~4¢ per gallon until the handling fee reaches a maximum of 84¢ per gallon.

For any container other than a gallon, the fee is computed on a gallon-equivalent basis.